Physicians in the News

Mother of the Year



Carolyn Gerster, M.D. and Governor Evan Mecham Photo by Charles Krejcsi/Arizona Republic/March 13, 1987

Scottsdale internal medicine specialist Carolyn Gerster, M.D., has been named Arizona's 1987 Mother of the Year, the first physician to be the recipient of the honor.

Dr. Gerster received a commemorative plaque, above, from Governor Evan Mecham, was honored by the Arizona State Legislature and was guest of honor at a luncheon sponsored by the Governor's Office of Women's Services. The Mother of the Year program is sponsored by American Mothers, Inc., the official sponsor of Mother's Day and an organization dedicated to

"strengthening the moral and spiritual foundation of the family and the home."

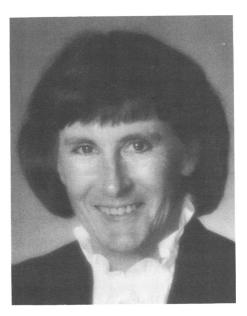
Dr. Gerster said her philosophy of parenting is "to create a love that guides the child toward realization of his own potential and nurtures his devotion to God and concern for the helpless." Being a parent, she said, "is a stewardship, not an ownership." Dr. Gerster and her husband, cardiologist Josef Gerster, M.D., have been married 29 years and have five children.

Her civic service includes ser-

vice as a delegate to the United Nations International Focus on Women Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1985 and as a 1984 delegate to the United Nations International Conference on Population in Mexico City. She has spoken to students on the hazards of smoking; conducted seminars for seniors on hypertension and coronary artery disease; and was active in researching treatments for Valley Fever.

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Dr. Molthan Honored By Smith College



Dr. Marian Molthan

Dr. Marian Molthan, director of pediatric cardiology, Phoenix Children's Hospital, was presented with the prestigious Smith College Medal in February in Northhampton, Massachusetts. The award honors Alumnae who best "exemplify in their lives and in service to their communities the true purpose of a liberal arts education."

"I was surprised to receive this notable award," said Dr. Molthan. "It was a wonderful experience to be back at the college for this celebration.

Dr. Molthan, who graduated from Smith in 1949, has been presented with various distin-

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